

# News Release



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## It's Christmas at California State Parks

It's Christmas time again and California State Parks offers many fun and exciting Christmas events at various state parks throughout California. There is something that is sure to please everyone.

**Anderson Marsh State Historic Park:** The annual old-fashioned Christmas Open House at Anderson Marsh State Historic Park will be held on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The park is located on Highway 53 between Lower Lake and the City of Clearlake. Santa Claus will be there to greet children and hand out treats. Christmas songs will be performed by local entertainers with the public invited to join in. The Christmas tree, decorated with the help of local elementary students, will be on display in the parlor of the historical ranch house at the park. Free hot cider, coffee, and lots of cookies and other treats will be provided. Entertainers include Dr. Harry Lyons from Yuba College, Rick McCann, Tom Nixon, Middletown's David Neft, Bluegrass musician, Don Coffin; Anna McAtee, Gae Henry, Joan Moss and more. For more information, contact Roberta Lyons at (707) 994-2024.

**Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park:** Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park will be conducting special Evening Tours of Bidwell Mansion. The Mansion is decorated for the holiday season. These tours require the purchase of special tour admittance and sell out quickly. It is strongly recommended to purchase tickets in advance or to call to reserve tickets. Park Visitors can call the visitor center at (530) 895-6144. The visitor center is open Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The evening Holiday Tours are going to be Friday, Saturday and Sunday December 16th, 17th and 18th. The Friday and Saturday tours are at 5:30 PM (tour only) with a \$5.00 admission fee and at 7:00 PM (tour includes music and refreshments) with a \$10.00 admission fee. The Sunday December 18th tour will be at 6:00 P.M. and includes music and refreshments. Tickets are also being sold for an opportunity drawing to have a New Year's Eve party in the Mansion tailored for your group. Tickets are \$50.00 and the drawing for the opportunity will be held Sunday Dec. 18th at 6:00 P.M. before the Sunday tour.

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**Crystal Cove State Park:** Crystal Cove Alliance (CCA), official nonprofit partner of Crystal Cove State Park, celebrates the holiday season with its 15th Annual Tree-Lighting Ceremony, taking place on the sand at the Crystal Cove Historic District on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011 at sunset. New to the holiday festivities this year, the Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 4, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

**Lake Oroville SRA:** Lake Oroville SRA, in cooperation with Bidwell Bar Association, is presenting Frontier Christmas from 12:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, December 3rd at the Kelly Ridge Visitor Center in Oroville.

**La Purisima State Historic Park:** Founding Day Mass on December 8th from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Celebrate Mass on the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception in the historic main church at La Purisima Mission State Historic Park. For further information, please call 805 733-3713 or email [lpminfo@parks.ca.gov](mailto:lpminfo@parks.ca.gov)

Founding Day Christmas Concert on December 8th from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Over 500 luminaries lead the way to an evening of candlelight and music celebrating the anniversary of the founding of La Purisima Mission in 1787. Enjoy the musical performance by a local group in the setting of the candlelit historic church. After the performance, guests are invited to La Sala to enjoy fellowship and refreshments. Tickets are \$5 each and become available November 1st. For further information, please call (805) 733-3713 or email [lpminfo@parks.ca.gov](mailto:lpminfo@parks.ca.gov)

**Monterey State Historic Park:** Monterey SHP is celebrating its 27th Annual Christmas in the Adobes on two nights, December 8 & 10, from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. each evening. Visitors may walk the historic downtown area to see up to 23 historic buildings lighted and decorated for the holidays. Each building serves refreshments and many feature live performances in the spirit of 19th Century Monterey.

Tickets are \$20 for an adult one-night pass and \$30 for both nights. Youth tickets (age 6-17) are only \$2. Children 5 and under are admitted free.

Proceeds support the efforts of Monterey State Historic Park Association to support children's educational and interpretive programs.

Go to [www.parks.ca.gov/MSHP](http://www.parks.ca.gov/MSHP) for more information.

**Shasta State Historic Park:** Shasta State Historic Park in cooperation with several other agencies and community groups are presenting Old Time Holiday in the Parks from 12:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M. on Saturday, December 3rd.

**William B. Ide Adobe SHP:** W.B. Ide Adobe SHP is holding its Open House from 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. on Saturday December 17th. This year we will be providing a preview of our newly remodeled visitor center exhibit.